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Subject: Finding solutions that address violence against women and girls in Africa

The Kinshasa Declaration of 25 November 2021¹ called for ‘positive masculinity in leadership’. The Declaration was conceived, adopted and endorsed by the Heads of State of the countries of Africa and is a commitment to ending violence against women and girls in Africa.

Nevertheless, the persistence of systemic acts of abuse against women and girls in Africa linked to harmful socio-cultural norms and practices, in particular sexual violence in times of conflict and humanitarian and natural disasters, needs to be addressed collectively and with the European Union’s support.

In light of the Kinshasa Declaration and following the EU-AU Summit of 17 and 18 February 2022 in Brussels, will the Commission:

1. Support African Union Member States in addressing all forms of impunity relating to violence against women and girls?
2. Support the launch of an African Union campaign on ‘Ending Violence Against Women and Girls’ and the implementation of a zero-tolerance policy on all forms of violence against women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations?
3. Develop specific programmes, with funding allocations, to encourage and empower the active participation and leadership of women and girls in all political, social, cultural and economic spheres within the African Union?

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¹ https://au.int/sites/default/files/pressreleases/41226-pr-Declaration_Mens_Conference_English.pdf

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